

Many Killed When Limited Train Crashed Into Express

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FOUR TRACKS WERE RIPPED UP

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Pittsburgh, June 17.—(AP)—At least eighteen persons were killed when the Cincinnati limited train No. 40 crashed into the Washington Express near Blairsville intersection shortly before last midnight, Pennsylvania officials said this morning.

Of the eighteen known victims, nine bodies were recovered from the Cleveland sleeper on No. 50. Three were trainmen.

Five bodies were found in the club car of train No. 40 which was immediately behind the double-header locomotives pulling the Limited.

Ten injured passengers were removed to Latrobe hospitals.

The smash occurred on a slight curve two miles west of Blairsville intersection, an important railway center. Here the ground is level and the entire countryside is farming land.

As daylight dawned those at the scene were given the first real view of the wreck. Four main line tracks were ripped up for about 100 feet. The two locomotives on No. 40 were a mass of wreckage, while one sleeper, in which most of the victims were seated, was found to be telescoped full length.

Inside this sleeper another Pullman car had been pushed by the terrific impact. The two sleepers appeared as if one had been constructed around the other.

Another sleeper was standing on its end, the rear section high in the air. G. M. Sixsmith, superintendent of passenger transportation, said today that the smashup occurred when the express halted so that a broken air hose could be repaired.

The flagman of No. 50, he said, went to the rear to set off flares and the block signals were set against eastbound trains.

D. S. McDonald, the flagman from the express, performed his duty for after No. 40 bore into the express. Sixsmith said, McDonald's flares were found burning on the right of way.

The superintendent added that W. S. Gordon, of Altoona, Pa., who was killed, was engineer on the first locomotive hauling the Limited.

Special trains brought a number of slightly injured into Pittsburgh.

Great crowds gathered at the scene of the wreck during the morning.

Those in charge of rescue work expressed the belief that additional bodies would be found, especially in the Cleveland sleeper which was telescoped, and which at dawn gave up nine dead. A heavy derrick was used to lift it from the other car. Bright sunshine flooded the wreckage as it was placed on the right of way. Then, disclosed to view, pinned in the mass of twisted steel, could be seen the nine bodies, five men, one woman and three children.

The club car of the second train likewise was a mass of wreckage. At first inspection it yielded three bodies. Some rescuers reported four others pinned in the debris.

It was the belief at the scene that the death list would mount to at least 23.

Pittsburgh, June 17.—(AP)—Fifteen persons including four trainmen and 11 passengers were killed in the wreck of the Washington Express and the Cincinnati Limited near Blairsville intersection, the Pennsylvania railroad officials announced today after a careful checkup of all mortuary establishments in Latrobe, Derry and Blairsville, to which place the bodies were removed.

Pittsburgh, June 17.—(AP)—A. R. Dinsmore, of the Gulf Refining Co., of Columbia, S. C., was among those killed in the train wreck last midnight.

Cardinal Bonzano Reaches Chicago. Chicago, June 17.—(AP)—The special train of red pullmans bearing Cardinal Bonzano, the papal legate, eight other princes of the church, and sixty prelates of the Catholic hierarchy to the eucharistic ceremony, arrived in Chicago shortly before 10 o'clock this morning.

Braving threatening skies, a throng of several thousands greeted the train at the city limits, whence it moved slowly to the Illinois Central station, where the official welcoming delegation waited to escort the legate to the Cathedral of the Holy Name.

Satisfied Soviets Helped Strikers. London, June 17.—(AP)—The British government is satisfied that the soviet government waived its regulations concerning export of money to England during the recent general strike. Sir William Johnson Hicks, home secretary, said today in the House of Commons.

The government, however, has no intention at all events at the present time, of withdrawing recognition of the soviet government, he said.

With Our Advertisers. The Bell & Harris Co. has just received several car loads of furniture. The York & Wadsworth Co. has 3,000 feet of floor space equipped with one of the best changers and air compressors. See ad.

Doty Will Not Be Executed. Geneva, June 17.—(AP)—Bennet J. Doty, of Memphis, Tenn., who is now awaiting trial in Syria on a charge of desertion from the French foreign legion, probably will be subjected to disciplinary measures and faces virtually no danger of being shot, Henry de Jouvenel, French high commissioner in Syria, indicated today.

Washington, June 17.—(AP)—Cotton seed crushed in the ten-month period, August 1st to May 31st, totaled 5,426,283 tons, compared with 4,501,191 tons for the same period a year ago, and cotton seed on hand at mills May 31st totaled 53,495 tons, compared with 54,688 tons a year ago, the census bureau today announced.

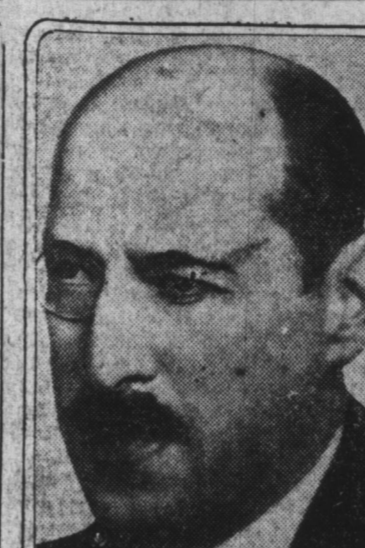
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In the News Spotlight



MGR. JULIO CAMPERO



COUNT KAROLYI



MRS. BERTHA K. LANDES



COUNT VOLPI

Monsignor Julio Campero, Bishop of Salta, Argentine, arrived in America for the International Eucharistic Congress Count Karolyi, of Hungary, was challenged to a duel by Count Teleki, who charged an insult. Mayor Bertha K. Landes launched a police cleanup of Seattle. The financial policy of Count Volpi, Italian finance minister, was approved by the Italian Senate

SYRACUSE U. HEAD CALLS LIQUOR "GREATEST CURSE"

"Mocks at Law, Sneers at Decency," Chancellor Flint Tells Graduates. Syracuse, N. Y., June 17.—Intoxication is branded as "the greatest single curse of mankind, the most insidious corruption of civilization," by Dr. Charles Wesley Flint, chancellor of Syracuse University, in his baccalaureate address to nearly 900 members of the graduating class today.

"It substitutes passion for reason," he said, "mocks at law and sneers at decency."

"For more than seventy years," Chancellor Flint continued, "the method of dealing with traffic in intoxicating liquor was the liveliest issue before the American people. It is surely fair to say that any indictment of this deliberate and clear-cut consumption of decades of progress and honest use of the orderly progress of American government is an indictment of our citizenship and the validity of our institutions."

"Those who see the pace socially for the age should forego this demoralizing fad and by personal practice, by social example and by civic influence seek to establish an era of law observance and sobriety, giving to the most important social, economic and moral experiment of the Christian era, a square deal, a fair chance, an honest trial. If not—what? At what price?"

"Applied idealism," was Chancellor Flint's subject, and he emphasized the need of leadership in public affairs from among those who are the product of America's educational system.

Carl Magee is set free at trial in New Mexico. Albuquerque Editor, Charged With Manslaughter For Killing Highway Employee During Fight With Former Judge Leahy. East Las Vegas, N. M., June 16.—Carl Magee Albuquerque editor, was freed of a charge of manslaughter by a directed verdict of the court tonight.

District Judge Luis E. Armijo granted the motion for a directed verdict a short time after the opening of the night session of court. Magee shot and killed John B. Lasseter, a state highway employee, last August during a fight with former district judge David J. Leahy, a political enemy.

The granting of the motion came at the end of a two-day trial during which the prosecution introduced the testimony of eight witnesses including Leahy.

"It was the only thing the court could do," declared District Attorney Chester H. Hunker, the prosecutor.

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BRYAN HURT CAUSE OF RELIGION, SAYS PREACHER

Tells Trinity Graduates Famous Orator and Publicist Was Wrong-Headed and Harmful in His Views. Hartford, Conn., June 17.—Bryanism was assailed here in the Trinity College baccalaureate sermon at Christ Church preached by the Rev. Dr. Elmer T. Merrill, of Santa Barbara, Cal., formerly president of the American Philological Association. He said:

"The most lamentable sight in the world is the college graduate who shows himself not a whit better than the rucks. The chief fault of the present age which the society of scholars should combat, is cheerful indifference, amiable and lazy disregard of relative values. To see life steadily and see it whole does not require much genius, but it does call for much care and work. Thinking is hard work. Hence, most men do as little of it as possible. You will be up-to-date if you don't think."

"Wrong-headedness is quite as fatal a thing as wrong-heartedness. Bryan, being wrong-headed, did more harm to the cause of religion than any other man of his time. If the evidence of evolution is misleading, then there is no creative God and the universe is the product of a powerful and malignant devil. But there is a God, and there is no real conflict between science and religion."

THE COTTON MARKET

Openly Steady at an Advance of 3 to 7 Points. New York, June 17.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 3 to 7 points in response to steady Liverpool cables and further covering. October sold up to 16.43 with more active positions showing net advances of 6 to 10 points in the first few minutes. The initial demand seemed to be supplied at these figures, and prices later sagged under liquidation with local and Southern selling based on favorable view of weather conditions. October eased off to 16.30 by the end of the first hour, active positions generally showing net losses of 1 to 5 points.

The prospect for showers over the belt seemed to be considered more desirable than otherwise, although some traders were inclined to think warm dry weather to be preferable. Cotton futures opened steady: July 17.75; Oct. 16.38; Dec. 16.40; Jan. 16.36; March 16.45.

Biedelman Spent \$119,622.93. Harrisburg, Pa., June 17.—(AP)—The E. E. Biedelman statewide campaign received \$127,062.75 and spent \$119,622.93 in the unsuccessful primary campaign of Edward E. Biedelman for the republican gubernatorial nomination, the committee reported. This was the final day for filing expense accounts of political committees.

Charges Liquor Was Used in Campaign. Washington, June 17.—(AP)—K. M. Updegraff, a former prohibition agent of Pittsburgh today told the House alcoholic liquor traffic committee that preceding the Pennsylvania primaries recently "you could get a drink in any saloon" in Pittsburgh, with a "Pepper-Fisher" campaign sign on the outside.

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Many Reservations For the Building and Loan Meeting

Between 175 and 200 delegates from the more than 150 associations in the State are expected here for the annual convention of the North Carolina Building and Loan League, to be convened next Tuesday.

Reservations already made at the new Hotel Concord show unusual interest in the 1926 meeting and in addition to these reservations scores of prospective delegates have signified their intention of attending.

C. Ross Wenrick, manager of the hotel, started this morning that reservations were coming in by the dozens now, with each mail bringing requests for rooms for building and loan men in all parts of the State. The reservations are being made as fast as the requests come in.

While the vast majority of the delegates will be quartered here during the three days of the convention, it is known that many from out-of-town will go home each night. It is predicted that the attendance on Wednesday night will pass the 200 mark.

Final details incident to the convention are being mapped out and perfected. The banquet program will be announced today, it is believed, indicating that everything is in readiness for it. This promises to be one of the most interesting features of the program.

Concord citizens are planning to give the visitors such a royal welcome and wholesome good time that they will be anxious to return again in future years.

CAN YOU EDUCATE YOUR CHILD ON \$4.32 A YEAR?

Yet That is What the State of North Carolina is Doing Right Now. Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel

Raleigh, June 17.—Suppose you should decide to teach your young child, would you secure a building heat in the winter, maintain it and pay all operating costs, and not pay out more than \$4.32 a year? Yet that is what the state of North Carolina is doing right now, according to the figures on expense distribution contained in State School Facts, published by the department of education, just off the press today.

But if you did not want to do the teaching yourself, could you employ a teacher who was an expert in all the various subjects, for \$21.65, to teach this child of yours for the entire school year? Yet that is what the State is doing.

But although these figures may sound ridiculously small, when you come to think about all the splendid work done by the schools and school teachers, take a look at what the State spent for the education in 1914-15. Ten years ago an average of \$5.78 was spent on the education of each rural child, and only \$12.62 was spent on the educating of each city child. In 1924-25 this amount had increased so that 21.81 was spent in educating each rural child—but only for a six months term—while in the special charter and city school—most of them running on a nine-months basis—an average of \$38.92 was being spent in the education of each child—not quite twice as much being spent on the city child as on the rural child.

This a tendency appears to maintain a big gap between the educational cost of the rural and city child, not because it costs considerably more to maintain a school for nine months with better trained teachers, than it does to maintain a six months school in the country. It is to remedy this wide gap between the advantages of the rural and city children that the State department of public instruction is urging consideration of a nine-months school term for both city and rural schools over the entire state.

But in analyzing the per capita cost of educating one child in North Carolina, the total cost has been divided into three parts.

These divisions are teaching and supervision which comprise 83.4 per cent. of the total expense; second, administration 2.5 per cent.—this expense; and third, operation and maintenance, amounting to 14.1 per cent., which includes the amount spent for fuel, janitors, school supplies, rent, insurance, etc. In other words, out of every dollar spent for schools in the State, 83.4 cents goes for teachers and superintendents salaries, to supervisors and principals, that is those who do the actual instruction; 2.5 cents goes for clerical work in the upkeep of the property.

The per capita cost for each child, but city and rural schools, was \$25.97 in 1924-25, taking the entire state as a whole. This represented an increase of \$1.91 over the previous year, of which \$1.25 was for teaching and supervision and 66 cents for operation and maintenance. There was no increase in administrative cost.

The largest per capita expenditure in rural schools is an expenditure of \$35.85 in New Hanover county. Durham and Currituck follow next with a per capita expenditure of \$31.33 and \$28.68, respectively. One reason for the cost in New Hanover county is that all the schools have a nine months term. Currituck has a nine months term for all white children, and Durham county has an eight months term in nearly all of the rural schools.

The lowest per capita cost per child is in Scotland county, where it amounts to \$12.10. Greensboro has the highest per capita cost among the city schools at \$49.51 per child. Rocky Mount has the lowest per capita cost out of thirty-four cities listed, at \$25.54 per child. The schools in the cities are all nine months schools, which accounts in part for the increased cost.

Wheat Farmers Pooling Crop; To Delay Selling. Wichita, Kas., June 17.—(AP)—Thousands of farmers in Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Colorado will market their 1926 wheat crop cooperatively this fall and winter.

State selling units in these states have combined their membership and resources into the Southwest Cooperative Wheat Growers association, which will act as the selling agency. The organization has taken over the sales equipment of the Kansas pool, which includes a 400,000 bushel terminal elevator in Leavenworth and another of 1,000,000 bushels at Kansas City.

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BLAKENEY CHARGED

ON \$10,000 BOND

Cashier of Bank of Midland When It Burned, Arrested in Charlotte Yesterday Afternoon.

SCOTT HAD THE WARRANT ISSUED

Father and Uncle of Defendant Sign Bond—Preliminary Hearing on June 22nd Here.

Carl T. Blakeney, cashier of the Bank of Midland when it was burned several weeks ago, was arrested yesterday on a warrant issued by W. A. Scott, State deputy insurance commissioner. The warrant charges arson.

Mr. Blakeney was arrested at his home at 527 Sunnyside Avenue, Charlotte, by detectives who were sent there by Deputy Sheriff Honeycutt of Cabarrus county, and Commissioner Scott, who went to Charlotte during the afternoon and turned the warrant over to the Charlotte officers for service.

Later in the afternoon the officers returned to Concord with Mr. Blakeney, who was taken before Judge G. M. Lore, who set his bond at \$10,000. The bond was immediately raised by W. S. and P. P. Blakeney, uncle and father, respectively, of the defendant. The bondsmen reside in Monroe, it is said, the former being president of the Bank of Union.

Mr. Blakeney, it was stated, did not discuss the case at all, except to say that he had worked hard for the bank and did not deserve to have a crime laid against him. Before leaving Charlotte he communicated with relatives and his uncle and father arrived from Monroe shortly after he arrived from Charlotte.

Mr. Blakeney told the officers, they said, that he had not been working in Charlotte, where he has been living since the latter part of May. He expected to get lined up shortly, he said, and start to work there.

After the bond was signed, Squire Lore set June 22 as the date for the preliminary hearing, to be held in Concord. Mr. Blakeney has retained Frank Armfield, of the local bar, and the State will be assisted by H. S. Williams and Hartwell & Hartwell, also of the local bar.

The Bank of Midland was burned early on the morning of April 8th when Mr. Blakeney was at work in it. The building was completely destroyed along with some of the records and books on which the defendant has been quoted as saying he was working. Bank examiners took the cash and books from the safe several hours after the fire had been extinguished and later the American Trust Company of Charlotte, was named receiver for the bank at the request of bank examiners.

Mr. Blakeney has been quoted as saying that he was struck on the head by some unknown party or parties who set fire to the bank, after robbing or trying to rob it. He was found near the front corner of the bank by persons who first reached the fire, and was under the care of a physician for several days.

Mr. Blakeney went to the bank about 4:30 o'clock on the morning of the fire, it was said, following a business established soon after becoming cashier of the bank. Often when business was heavy, he is said to have stated, he went to the bank at an early hour to get in a full day. He had been in the bank for half an hour or more when the fire was discovered.

Bank examiners, so far as is known, have never made public a report of the check-up they made of the money taken from the safe. Whether robbers took any on the morning of the fire has not been stated, since the examiners have not made a report.

It is said that a number of prominent men of the county have been summoned as witnesses by the State.

Georgia Dewberry Farm Brings \$1000 Per Acre. (By International News Service.) McRae, Ga., June 17.—The lowly dewberry and blackberry, which have flourished wild along Georgia's highways and byways since time immemorial, now have taken place besides cultivated cash crops.

The United States now has its largest dewberry farm in Telfair County, Georgia. Forty acres are under cultivation by Dr. W. H. Born, and shipments to Eastern markets began a few days ago. Indications point to a minimum of 10 cars being shipped within the next week.

The 40 acres will net \$1,000 an acre.

British Miners to Meet June 22. London, June 17.—(AP)—A. J. Cook, secretary of the British miners federation, announced today that the international miners federation will meet in London on June 23rd, possibly to discuss either an embargo on coal or an international strike.

THE WEATHER

Cloudy tonight and Friday, probably showers in west portion; slightly warmer in west portion tonight and in central portion Friday. Fresh northeast shifting to southeast winds.

Mrs. Means Undergoes Serious Operation. Mrs. Brandon W. Means underwent a serious operation this morning at the Charlotte Sanatorium. Reports from the hospital state that Mrs. Means stood the operation very well.

One Thousand Enrolled in Two Summer Schools at Duke. Durham, June 16.—Duke university, with over 700 summer school students enrolled and with an additional 300 North Carolina Methodist ministers attending the annual pastors' school, presents about as active appearance as it does any time during the regular scholastic year.

First term of the summer school ends on July 24, while the pastors' school will close on June 23. Both schools have the largest registration in their history, and everything points to a successful summer school season.

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OF WORDS

WHEELER

SENATOR REED

Scene Before Campaign Committee in the Today.

WARD WAS SENT TO HEAR

Public Charge expenditures by Litter in Recent Virginia Primary.

June 17.—(AP)—Wayne general counsel of the Senate, faced Senator Reed, in a spectacular scene today before the Senate committee on expenditures of public charge.

Reed, in a speech of 20 minutes, accused the committee of "ignoring" the public charge expenditures of \$2,000,000 Republican

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